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GEORGE HERMAN: Admiral Turner, I suppose a great many operations from day to day in Africa, in Zaire, in the Congo, and other places, must occupy your attention. But your main job, it seems to me, your most pressing long-range interest, must be the intentions and the activities of the Soviet Union.

How do you feel they are building their military forces? To what end and with what in mind?

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: I believe the Soviets think in 19th Century power terms, Mr. Herman. I think they're trying to compensate for their other weaknesses, economic, ideological and political, by building a military force that they hope will weigh in the balance for them and give them for compensation for their other shortcomings.

In turn, I believe we must not let them take that advantage.

ANNOUNCER: From CBS News, Washington, a spontaneous and unrehearsed news interview on Face the Nation with the Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Stansfield Turner. Admiral Turner will be questioned by CBS news correspondent Fred Graham; by Bob Woodward, reporter for The Washington Post; and by CBS news correspondent George Herman.

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HERMAN: Admiral Turner, you say you believe that the Soviet Union is trying to make up for these other things, the death of their ideology, their economic and technological backwardness. What do you mean "make up for it"? What do they intend

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